

## Abstract of the Disclosure

[0037] A scheduling application that provides decision support for program managers by interrelating activities across multiple product-development programs and by creating dependencies for such activities. The application is platform independent and uses Internet technologies to manage multiple dependent programs. The application manages dependent programs by graphically displaying an activity schedule, displaying real time status of activities, and displaying available resources. Changes to an activity in one dependent program will reschedule activities in other programs. Alternatively, a change to an activity in one dependent program sends an electronic notification to parties of programs affected by the change for ratification of the change.